



## Building Permits, May 2020 (preliminary)

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In May 2020, the preliminary seasonally adjusted value of building permits (\$7.9 million) in Yukon decreased by \$22.8 million, or 74.3%, compared to May 2019 (\$30.7 million). In Canada, the total value of permits decreased 13.6% during the same time period.

On a **year-to-date** basis, the preliminary total value of building permits issued in Yukon from January to May 2020 was \$44.0 million. This represents a decrease of \$20.8 million, or 32.2%, compared to the same time period in 2019 (\$64.8 million); the value of residential permits increased by \$1.6 million and non-residential permits decreased by \$22.4 million.

### Value of Building Permits (seasonally adjusted), May 2020 (preliminary)

	May 2019	Apr 2020 <sup>r</sup>	May 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Jan-May 2019	Jan-May 2020	Apr '20 to May '20	May '19 to May '20	Jan-May 2019 to Jan-May 2020
	----- \$ millions -----					-----% change <sup>2</sup> -----		
Canada <sup>1</sup>	8,570.8	6,163.8	7,406.1	42,884.7	38,577.9	20.2	-13.6	-10.0
Residential	5,143.4	4,047.1	4,804.6	26,103.3	24,556.1	18.7	-6.6	-5.9
Non-residential	3,427.4	2,116.7	2,601.5	16,781.3	14,021.8	22.9	-24.1	-16.4
<b>Yukon<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>-22.4</b>	<b>-74.3</b>	<b>-32.2</b>
Residential	3.4	5.4	6.9	19.5	21.0	26.2	102.9	8.0
Non-residential	27.3	4.7	1.0	45.3	22.9	-78.6	-96.3	-49.4

<sup>r</sup> = revised

<sup>p</sup> = preliminary data

<sup>1</sup> Data may not add up to totals due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> Percent change is based on unrounded numbers.

#### Note to Readers:

- 1) This release presents seasonally adjusted data, which facilitates month-to-month comparisons by removing the effects of seasonal variations. The Building Permits Survey covers 2,400 municipalities representing 95% of the Canadian population. The communities representing the other 5% of the population are very small and their levels of building activity have little impact on the total for the entire population. Building permits data are used as a leading indicator of activity in the construction industry. The value of planned construction activities presented in this release excludes engineering projects (such as waterworks, sewers or culverts) and land.
- 2) Yukon Bureau of Statistics obtains data on building permits from Community Services and the City of Whitehorse on a monthly basis and publishes aggregated figures (unadjusted) in the Bureau's **Monthly Statistical Review**.